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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING May 26, 2013

Special Note NASS Survey Update!

In the first two weeks of June, NASS will interview producers and survey tracts of farm land across the United States to gather information that will set the foundation for estimates during the upcoming forecast season. Additionally, we will ask hog producers about their inventories and farrowing intentions for the next six months. The information will help producers, suppliers, traders, buyers, and others make informed business decisions. The results will be available beginning June 28 in the *Acreage* and other reports. Farmers should watch for their surveys and be sure to respond. Your information matters!

NEW MEXICO: Alfalfa conditions ranged from poor to excellent; first cutting 52% complete. Cotton 75% planted. Corn 58% planted and 25% emerged. Sorghum was 5% planted. Winter wheat was mostly very poor; with 58% headed; 46% grazed. Peanuts 27% planted. Lettuce conditions were mostly good; 81% harvested. Chile conditions were mostly fair; 95% planted. Onion conditions were mostly fair to excellent; 3% harvested. Pecan conditions were mostly good; Nut set 2% light and 98% average. Cattle conditions were mostly fair. Sheep conditions were ranged from very poor to good. Range and pasture conditions were mostly very poor. Days suitable for fieldwork were 7.0. Topsoil moisture was 73% very short, 21% short and 6% adequate. Wind damage was 15% light, 8% moderate and 1% severe; with cotton 7% damaged, winter wheat 66% damaged and onions 13% damaged. Freeze damage was 1% light and 2% moderate; with winter wheat 56% damaged and onions 12% damaged.

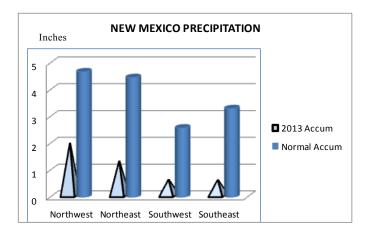
CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES							
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent		
Alfalfa	1	11	35	39	14		
Chile	-	2	59	24	15		
Lettuce	11	-	-	56	33		
Onion	-	-	31	46	23		
Pecan	-	1	38	61	-		
Winter Wheat	65	6	22	7	-		
Cattle	11	29	51	9	-		
Sheep	29	27	36	8	-		

Additional Comments: <u>De Baca/Guadalupe</u>: Rangeland pastures are in dire need of some rain - very dry conditions. Ranchers are culling herds further as rangeland grass availability deteriorates due to prolonged drought. County reports of some livestock water wells weakening due to minimal rainfall recharging of water tables. <u>Lea</u>: High winds no rain. Resembles the Dust Bowl era only I get to see it in color! <u>Lincoln</u>: Very dry rangelands, many having to sell cattle. <u>Taos</u>: Cold temperatures, strong winds, and no precipitation continue to increase ongoing dry conditions to crop/grazing lands.

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES								
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus				
Northwest	66	33	1	-				
Northeast	83	17	=	-				
Southwest	73	2	25	-				
Southeast	76	24	-	-				
State Current	73	21	6	-				
State-Last Week	83	16	1	-				
State-Last Year	59	32	9	-				
State-5-Yr Avg.	40	35	25	-				

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS							
Crop	Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average		
Alfalfa	1st cut	52	50	99	91		
Chile	Planted	95	93	99	98		
Corn	Emerged	25	18	34	48		
Corn	Planted	58	50	84	86		
Cotton	Planted	75	60	92	90		
Lettuce	Hvstd	81	57	80	92		
Peanuts	Planted	27	24	35	47		
Sorghum	Planted	5	3	27	28		
W Wheat	Grazed	46	46	71	-		
W Wheat	Headed	58	44	99	97		

RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITION							
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent		
Northwest	47	40	13	-	-		
Northeast	71	15	14	-			
Southwest	77	19	4	-	-		
Southeast	69	27	4	-	-		
State Current	66	25	9	-	-		
State-Last Week	< 81	17	2	-	-		
State-Last Year	54	32	13	1	-		
State-5-Yr Avg.	28	37	27	8	-		



Weather Summary

Most locations ranged from 2-7 degrees above average with mostly dry, breezy conditions in the west and moist conditions in the east, as a result from a dry line that formed east of the central mountain chain. As the dry line moved east, showers and t-storms formed ahead of the dry line producing much needed rain in certain areas across the eastern plains. Sites that had the most precipitation were Raton 2.62 inches, Capulin 1.88 inches and Clovis with .59 of an inch, other areas that received precipitation were Tatum 0.27 of an inch, Kiowa and Rita Blanca National Grasslands 0.26 of an inch, Tucumcari 0.17 of an inch and Carlsbad 0.11 of an inch.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS - May 20 - May 26, 2013									
	Temperature			Precipitation					
Station	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	<u>Week</u>	<u>Month</u>	Accum.	<u>Normal</u>	<u>Normal</u>	
				06 May - 26 May	01 May-26 May	01 Jan-26May	May	Jan-May	
Northwest									
Albuquerque	70.3	92	47	0.00	0.08	0.68	0.50	2.54	
Chama	52.8	79	29	0.07	0.49	4.60	1.44	8.90	
Farmington	63.6	87	38	-	0.16	1.83	0.54	3.09	
Gallup	57.9	86	27	-	0.02	1.76	0.56	3.46	
Grants	58.9	87	28	0.00	0.09	0.23	0.58	2.86	
Johnson Ranch	57.6	87	30	0.00	0.45	1.24	0.65	3.64	
Los Alamos	62.6	80	39	0.00	0.08	1.90	1.42	5.47	
Red River	47.3	74	28	0.01	0.42	4.75	1.80	8.34	
Santa Fe	64.4	90	39	0.05	0.28	0.87	0.94	3.78	
Northeast									
Capulin	60.3	85	37	1.88	2.51	4.44	1.59	4.73	
Clayton	66.1	92	44	0.72	0.74	1.51	1.99	4.03	
Clovis	71.6	95	51	0.59	0.56	1.91	1.84	4.69	
Las Vegas	61.4	85	37	0.09	0.22	0.66	1.51	4.15	
Moriarty	62.5	89	37	0.00	0.04	0.83	1.25	4.09	
Raton	62.9	85	38	2.62	2.70	4.31	1.94	5.09	
Roy	65.0	88	42	0.26	0.61	1.14	1.84	3.98	
Tucumcari	74.3	101	49	0.17	0.82	1.88	1.84	4.93	
Southwest									
Animas	73.2	95	48	0.00	0.00	0.63	0.24	2.25	
Deming	72.1	95	51	0.00	0.03	0.51	0.43	2.41	
Gran Quivira	64.6	89	39	0.00	0.02	0.79	0.91	3.76	
Quemado	58.3	79	37	0.00	0.14	0.75	0.53	2.70	
Socorro	73.2	97	52	0.00	0.34	0.64	0.58	2.28	
T or C	74.0	95	55	0.00	0.14	0.28	0.57	2.08	
Southeast									
Alamogordo	76.6	97	52	0.00		0.04	0.49	2.64	
Carlsbad	77.3	102	56	0.11	0.11	1.01	1.17	3.33	
Carrizozo	67.7	92	41	0.00	0.00	0.50	0.62	2.72	
Las Cruces	75.3	97	52	0.00	0.09	0.30	0.40	1.83	
Roswell	75.3	99	54	0.01	0.02	0.52	1.25	3.52	
Ruidoso	61.5	89	38	0.00	0.07	0.69	1.19	4.93	
Tatum	73.1	100	50	0.27	0.30	1.44	2.09	4.14	
(T) Trace (-) No Report		tion - All repor	ts based on p	reliminary data. Prec	pitation data correcte	d monthly from offi			